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SUBJECT : Soviet Ocean Surface Surveillance (SOSS)  
Status Report

AT 1. On Friday afternoon, 22 February, VADM de Poix and Dr. Hall discussed the SOSS situation, with the upshot being Admiral de Poix taking over "sponsorship" of the meeting. Action within DIA has been assigned to [ ] A message was sent Saturday, 23 February, announcing the meeting to and inviting attendees from the U&S Commands.

2. The policy of inviting U&S Commanders to an essentially Washington activity stems from Dr. Schlesinger's promise to the Commanders that they would be involved in ongoing actions early on. In this instance, Navy (RADM Rectanus) opposed inviting the field people on the grounds that it is premature. After checking with the Director of the Joint Staff, Admiral de Poix felt he was constrained by Dr. Schlesinger's policy to invite the U&S Commanders.

3. The briefing will be given by Navy roughly as previously specified. A message, detailing the specific agenda, will be forthcoming from DIA tomorrow or the next day.

4. It appears this relatively minor evolution is now on track.

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